

Claims 1-26 (Cancelled.)

27. (New) A method of controlling an audible alarm of a backup power supply that indicates an occurrence of an event, the backup power supply being operatively coupled to a computer, the method comprising:

programming the backup power supply through computer software operating on the computer to enable the audible alarm during at least a first predetermined time period in response to detection of the occurrence of an event; and

programming the backup power supply through the computer software to disable the audible alarm while the backup power supply is operational during at least a second predetermined time period in response to detection of the occurrence of an event.

28. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein programming the backup power supply through the computer software to enable the audible alarm includes using the computer software to enable the audible alarm through firmware of the backup power supply.

29. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein programming the backup power supply through the computer software to disable the audible alarm includes using the computer software to disable the audible alarm through firmware of the backup power supply.

30. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the event includes a condition of at least one of the computer, the backup power supply and a main power supply operatively coupled to the computer.

31. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the event includes the backup power supply providing power to the computer.

32. (New) The method of claim 27, further comprising designating through the computer software at least one value that indicates, upon detection of the value, the occurrence of the event.

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33. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein the at least one value includes a user-definable value that can be modified by programming through the computer software.

34. (New) The method of claim 27, further comprising programming the backup power supply through the computer software to disable the audible alarm when at least one of the computer software is not operating and the computer is powered off.

35. (New) The method of claim 27, further comprising programming the computer through the computer software to determine whether the computer is in a low power state and further comprising programming the backup power supply through the computer software to enable the audible alarm automatically when the computer enters a low power state.

36. (New) The method of claim 27 further comprising programming the computer through the computer software to determine whether the computer enters a low power state and further comprising programming the backup power supply through the computer software to enable the audible alarm during the first and the second predetermined periods if the computer is in a low power state.

37. (New) The method of claim 27, further comprising providing a visual indicator operatively coupled to one of the computer and the backup power supply, and activating the visual indicator in response to detection of the occurrence of the event when the audible alarm is disabled.

38. (New) The method of claim 27, further comprising providing a display monitor operatively coupled to the computer, and displaying a message on the display monitor in response to detection of the occurrence of the event when the audible alarm is disabled.

39. (New) The method of claim 27, further comprising:

programming the backup power supply through the computer software to enable the audible alarm during at least a third predetermined time period in response to detection of the occurrence of the event; and

programming the backup power supply through the computer software to disable the audible alarm during at least a fourth predetermined time period in response to detection of the occurrence of the event.

40. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the backup power supply includes an uninterruptible power supply.

41. (New) A system for controlling an audible alarm of a backup power supply that indicates an occurrence of an event, the system comprising:

a backup power supply having an audible alarm; and

a computing device operatively coupled to the backup power supply and to a main power supply, the computing device being configured to operate software installed thereon that is programmable to:

enable the audible alarm during at least a first predetermined time period in response to detection of the occurrence of an event, and

to disable the audible alarm while the backup power supply is operational during at least a second predetermined time period in response to detection of the occurrence of an event.

42. (New) The system of claim 41, wherein the event includes a condition of at least one of the computer, the backup power supply and the main power supply.

43. (New) The system of claim 41, wherein the event includes the backup power supply providing power to the computer.

44. (New) The system of claim 41, wherein the software is further programmable to designate at least one value that indicates, upon detection of the value, the occurrence of the event.

45. (New) The system of claim 44, wherein the at least one value includes a user-definable value that can be modified using the programmable software.

46. (New) The system of claim 41, wherein the software is further programmable to disable the audible alarm when the computing device is powered off.

47. (New) The system of claim 41, wherein the software is further programmable to determine whether the computing device is in a low power state and to enable the audible alarm when the computing device enters a low power state.

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48. (New) The system of claim 41, wherein the software is further programmable to determine whether the computing device enters a low power state and to enable the audible alarm during the first and the second predetermined periods of time if the computing device is in a low power state.

49. (New) The system of claim 41, wherein the backup power supply includes firmware through which the software of the computing device enables the audible alarm during one or more predetermined periods of time and disables the audible alarm during one or more predetermined periods of time.

50. (New) The system of claim 41, wherein the backup power supply includes firmware through which the software of the computing device disables the audible alarm when at least one of the software is not operating and the computing device is powered off.

51. (New) The system of claim 41, wherein the backup power supply includes firmware through which the software of the computing device enables the audible alarm when the computing device enters a low power state.

52. (New) The system of claim 41, further comprising a visual indicator operatively coupled to one of the computing device and the backup power supply, the visual indicator configured to indicate the occurrence of the event when the audible alarm is disabled.

53. (New) The system of claim 41, further comprising a display monitor operatively coupled to the computing device, the display monitor configured to display a message to indicate the occurrence of the event when the audible alarm is disabled.

54. (New) The system of claim 41, wherein the backup power supply is operatively coupled to a computer network and configured to transmit an electronic message to one or more designated computing devices that indicates the occurrence of the event when the audible alarm is disabled.

55. (New) The system of claim 41, wherein the backup power supply is operatively connected to a second computing device, the second computing device being configured to operate software installed thereon that is programmable to:

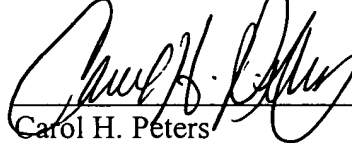
enable the audible alarm during at least a third predetermined time period in response to detection of the occurrence of the event, and

to disable the audible alarm while the backup power supply is operational during at least a fourth predetermined time period in response to detection of the occurrence of the event.

56. (New) The system of claim 41, wherein the backup power supply is an uninterruptible power supply.

Based upon the foregoing amendments and discussion, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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